GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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BOOM IN THE BOTTLED WATER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been boom in the bottled water industry in the country;

(b) if so, the number of industrial units engaged in the sale of drinking water in the country from 1995-96 till date; and

(c) the affect on available water resources in the country as a result thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) Bureau of Indian Standards has no information regarding quantum of boom in bottled water industry, number of units engaged in the manufacture and sale of drinking water from the year 1995-1996 onwards.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had issued GSR 759E and GSR 760E in September, 2000 notifying 'Packaged Natural Minera Water' and 'Packaged Drinking Water' as food and making it mandatory that after 29th March, 2001 the manufacture and sale of above mentioned items should be with BIS Certification Mark. In compliance to the above notification, the units engaged in the manufacture and marketing of 'Packaged Drinking Water' and 'Packaged Natural MineralWater' are to obtain license from Bureau of Indian Standards to use BIS Certification Mark on theirproduct. As on date, 324 licenses have been issued for use of BIS Certification mark under IS `14543:1998 'PackagedDrinking Water' and 4 licenses have been issued under IS 13428:1998 'Packaged Natural Mineral Water'.

(c) There is no effect on the available water resources in the country as a result thereof.